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Surely then we should be encouraging them by drawing more attention to the good aspects of the game rather than the detrimental things that happen. Maybe then we will have more good players and supporters for a lifetime.

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WIGAN



Front Row: Fred Eyre (Asst. Manager), Kevin Sholdon, Mark Wignall, David Glenn, Larry Lloyd (Manager), Steve McAdam, John McMahon, Jeff Wright, Kenny Banks (Trainer/Coach). Back Row Clive Evans, Les Bradd, Neil Davids, Graham Barrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Methven, Mike Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex Crbley.

BOB WARD (Goalkeeper), Height 6'1". Weight 12st. As a boy, Bob supported his local side West Bromwich Albion, and he has had the double experience of playing at 'The Hawthorns' both for and against Alkali. After leaving school, he played as an amateur for West Brom, eventually turning professional at 18 and making 15 first-team appearances. He later joined Blackpool for a £20,000 fee and made his debut for the Seaside in an F.A. Cup tie at West Bromwich. He made 41 League appearances for Blackpool before joining Wigan, made the breakthrough last season to become Wigan's first-choice goalkeeper, and will shortly register his 100th Football League appearance.

JOHN McMAHON (Fullback), Height 5'9". Weight 11st. 22st. Newly acquired from Crewe Alexandra during the close season, John has already featured prominently in Wigan's pre-season friendly fixtures. His experience gained with Preston North End and other Football League clubs has brought a more professional look to Wigan's Back Four and his polished skills and keen positional sense have earned the praise of Wigan's critical fans. John has well over 300 Football League appearances to his credit and is expected to be a key figure in the Springfield Park club's push for promotion.

LARRY LLOYD (Central Defender/Player Manager), Height 6'2". Weight 13½ st. Appointed in the second half of last season as player/manager, this battle hardened English international has already brought a more professional approach to the play of the side under his control. A fierce competitor, with over 400 Football League games to his credit, and a wealth of experience acquired with Bristol Rovers, Liverpool, Coventry City and Nottingham Forest, Larry Lloyd expects great things this year. Certainly, he will produce a side that will be hard to beat and may yet achieve the promotion so earnestly longed for.

COLIN METHVEN (Central Defender), Height 6'1". Weight 12st. 40st. Manager Ian McNell's deep knowledge of Scottish football enabled him to search out this strong and positive player who became Wigan's record signing at a fee of £30,000 from East Fife in October, 1979. It was soon obvious that the money had been well-spent, for Colin, good in the air and strong in the tackle, soon took over as Captain of the Wigan side and led his team to glory in Wigan's great F.A. Cup run, Season 1979-80. Another key figure in Wigan's defensive organisation, Methven looks forward eagerly to a promotion-challenging year ahead. Now over 200 competitive games played at English and Scottish Football League level.

KEVIN LANGLEY (Midfielder), Height 6'1". Weight 9st. A young player who joined Wigan as an apprentice, having been released by Preston North End after trials. His form in the pre-season games has been a revelation, and the quality of his play against such well organised sides as Walsall and Sheffield Wednesday have put him in contention for early

promotion to the first team. A cool, thoughtful, who should do well as he develops physically.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfielder), Height 5'10". Weight 10st. 9lbs. Joined Wigan in the close-season from Tranmere Rovers for a sizeable fee, having already completed over 150 Football League appearances and scored over 30 goals for the Merseyside club. He has shown promise in the pre-season games and is likely to be a key figure in Larry Lloyd's re-organised team structure. A precise and cultured player.

KEVIN SHELTON (Winger), Height 5'5½". Weight 9st. 4lbs. Signed from Stoke City during the summer, Kevin, a natural winger, is expected to give the Wigan Athletic side width in attack and a good supply of crosses for the team's strike force. Tricky and brave, this young player is anxious to give his career a boost, after recovering from a series of set-backs, in the shape of leg injuries, during his stay with 'The PotTERS'. Warmly welcomed by the Springfield Park spectators.

DAVID GLENN (Winger), Height 5'9". Weight 10st. 10lbs. Wigan Athletic's first apprentice after their elevation to the Football League, local boy David has been the revelation of the pre-season games. Not only has this talented youngster performed well in his customary wing role, but he has also turned in excellent performances in the left-back position against both Walsall and Sheffield Wednesday. More will be heard of this promising player in the months ahead.

MIKE QUINN (Forward), Height 5'10". Weight 12st. After battling his way through from the Wigan Athletic Youth XI and the Reserves, Mike made his mark as the Club's leading goalscorer in the 1980-81 Football League campaign. He has gone from strength to strength in the pre-season games, notching double figures against a variety of opposition from non-league to Football League Division 1 levels. If he can maintain momentum, this strong, bustling youngster is sure to attract the interest of clubs higher up the Football League scale in the months ahead.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward), Height 5'11". Weight 12st. 7lbs. After showing a great deal of promise in Wigan Athletic's first two seasons in League Football, Peter struggled last year against a series of niggling injuries and inconsistent form. However, towards the end of last year's campaign, he began to hit something near his top form, his goal touch returned, and, supported by Quinn and Bradd, he should be back among the goals again this season. On his day, a really exciting attacker.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfielder), Height 5'11". Weight 11st. 7lbs. This hard working and skilful midfielder player has appeared more times for Wigan Athletic as a Football League player than any other player currently on the books of the club. Although he has been unable to continue his long run of appearances at the start of the season, it is anticipated that, before long, he will be back in contention for a place in the side. Has served Wigan Athletic well both at non-league and Football League levels.

Wigan Athletic

By Tony Pollard



Though Wigan Athletic have a very impressive record since gaining admittance to the Football League in 1978, they have finished 8th, 6th and 11th. They have become notorious for their poor starts. So we may be well advised to ignore their poor League results to date for we know they have a habit of shuffling out of these depressions to reappear up the table.

By finishing seventeenth last season, Wigan dropped to their lowest placing since their election. But player-manager Larry Lloyd, the former England centre-back, is determined they should do better this time.

He joined the club in March and was able to use the first weeks of the campaign to assess his playing staff. Realising he needed reinforcements, he paid Tranmere £25,000 for their goalscorer winger Clive Evans during the summer break. He also invested another £15,000 in a forward of great potential — Graham Barrow, who was signed from Altrincham.

Other new arrivals at Springfield Park, this summer included defender John McMahon, midfielder Kevin Sheldon and that veteran striker Les Bradd.

Wigan open well at Bradford City on the first day of the season. They took a 2-0 lead after only half an hour and later led 3-1. But Bradford, as we have subsequently seen, are full of goals this season and in the end Wigan were happy enough to come away with a 3-3 draw.

The visit of Sheffield United attracted a crowd of 8,000 to Springfield Park but Wigan had to bow to the Blades' superior experience and went down 0-1. A further disappointment came with a 1-2 defeat at Hartlepool.

There was joy in the League Cup, however. Wigan ran up a 3-0 home lead over Stockport and then 2-1 at Edgely Park to equal a club record by appearing in the second round. They now meet Alfreton who this season won their first League Cup tie for 10 years.

But it is promotion that is Wigan's real objective. With such a fine group and good support they feel the club is now ready for Third Division football.

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Operating on a points scheme of each home goal 1 point, each away goal 2 points and a 3 point bonus for 3 goals scored in any League match home or away, the top team overall in each of the four divisions will receive a trophy and £5,000 at the end of the season. £1,000 will be awarded to the top team in each division at the end of each month for the goals performance during that month. There will be a trophy and an award of £1,000 to the top goal scorer in each division (League goals only) at the end of the season. A special award of £5,000 to any player in any division who scores 35 goals in League matches only. Teams winning the monthly awards will each receive a cheque for £1,000 to be divided between the club and a charity of its choice.

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Dear Sir,

I am primarily a Leicester City supporter but have followed Bournemouth avidly since 1969 when I was holidaying in the town and caught an early season League match. I would like to write to a female supporter aged between 16 and 26 with a view to swapping information, programmes and footballing anecdotes. I am 23 years old.

Whilst writing I would like to wish Dave Webb, the players and all the backroom staff at AFC good luck for the new season. I really think that Bournemouth could be on the way up again especially now that Mr. Webb has secured Eddie Kelly who is a great player. Leicester never replaced Kelly in midfield. Paul Edmunds is a good signing too, watch them go with the Cherries! Let's hope so anyway. I managed to get to Dean Court last year for the Bradford City game and if AFC can hit form like that again this term then I think promotion could be a real possibility.

Yours in sport
Chris Shaw

BRISTOL ROVERS remain undaunted

by Derek Handerson

If any club's misfortunes were enough to make its manager head for the nearest cliff with the big jump-off in mind, it must be Bristol Rovers. For Terry Cooper had enough problems last season to contend with, to last him the rest of his managerial career.

Relegation from the Second Division (along with neighbours Bristol City) seemed also incidental alongside Rovers' other mishaps and mini-disasters of recent months.

The fire which destroyed the main stand at Eastville at the beginning of last season was a serious blow to a club who were clearly going to be up against it on the field from the outset.

The offices, dressing rooms and board room all went up in smoke and the other effect was to reduce the capacity of this old, rather ramshackle stadium to around 10,000.

The lease on the ground terminated and a new one has had to be fixed, and there were problems in the board room before and after it burned. And on top of it all, the financial loss on the year of £300,000 was a further devastating body-blow.

Rovers finished way behind at the foot of the table and now contemplate a Third Division list once again. Yet out of all the debris and despair, Cooper looks ahead with brave optimism — and there is one very good reason for this.



Manager Terry Cooper takes on the Brighton defender.

For he has a collection of young players who not only delighted Rovers' loyal and long-suffering supporters last season, but who have become the target for eager beaver scouts of other League clubs, ever on the look-out for talent.



Goalmouth action as Rovers chase the goal.

Cooper, who is now working out a further one-year contract, is finding his footballing life vastly different from the time when, as a classy left-back, he played for the great Leeds side and collected 20 caps between 1969 and 1975.

He has two spendid young keepers who are vying for a first-team place — Welshman Martin Thomas and England youth player Phil Kite.

A local amateur discovery, winger Mike Barrett, central defender Mark Hughes, and former captain of the England youth side Gary Mabbutt — a well-known Bristol soccer name — have also taken the eye.

So have Geraint Williams, a diminutive Welsh mid-field player, and an apprentice Steve Williams, also from Wales.

Skipper Aidan McCaffery was a £70,000 capture from Derby County, but the transfer which fired the fans' imagination, understandably, was when hero Paul Randall returned to the West County city.

Randall hit 36 goals in 55 games before Stoke snapped him up for £175,000. But Randall returned for a modest outlay of £55,000 as a result of a local appeal, raised because the club couldn't afford to lay out that sort of money in the midst of their other troubles.

Cooper will undoubtedly discover now that one of his most difficult tasks will be to hold on to the promising youngsters on whom the club's immediate future are so optimistically based.

Rovers may not bounce back to Division II immediately, but if the kids are persuaded to stay, within a further year Rovers may look back on the happenings of 1990-91 as only an ugly memory.



What's on Motson?



BBC Commentator John Motson has been telling the story of the World Cup from its inception in 1930. Now he moves on to the sixties, an altogether tougher and more defensive era but a memorable one for England.

Ramsey's revolution, 1966 and all that

England reached the quarter finals of the 1962 World Cup in Chile. It was not a bad effort, bearing in mind we lost to Brazil, the holders and eventual winners, with two of the goals being long range shots which on another day might have been saved.

Walter Winterbottom had introduced some good young players, like Bobby Moore, Jimmy Greaves and Bobby Charlton, but after 16 years of toil in the job he and England required a change.

Later that year, he resigned, and in 1963 Alf Ramsey left Ipswich Town to become the new England manager. He was very much a man for his time, his ability to make a silk purse out of moderate material at Ipswich had led the Suffolk club to the first division championship at the first attempt.

Tactics were the order of the day now, at both club and international level. The stakes were higher than ever before, and greater was the fear of failure. Even the Brazilians, never disciples of the "thou shalt not lose" philosophy, remodelled their game a little. They retained their title in Chile playing 4-3-3, rather than the adventurous 4-2-4 the world had admired in Sweden.

The Chile tournament was notable partly for its ill temper. Two Italians were sent off by English referee Ken Aston against Chile, but he did not see the left hook which broke an Italian player's nose.

In the semi-final Chile did have a man sent off, and so did Brazil, whose match-winning outside right Garrincha kicked his assailant back. Brazil won 4-2, but had already lost Pele with a thigh injury, and were relieved when the errant Garrincha was cleared to play in the final against Czechoslovakia.

Josef Masopust, the brilliant Czech half back, put his side ahead early in the game, but to replace Pele the holders had unearthed another discovery — the lithe Amarildo. He it was who equalised, then laid on the second Brazilian goal for Zico.



Bobby Moore

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Brazil later made the game safe through their centre forward, Vava, still the only man to score in consecutive World Cup finals.

So Brazil came to England in 1966 looking for their third title. The mood which had blackened the Chile finals had not lifted, and Pele was cruelly put out of the match against Portugal at Goodison Park. But by then Brazil were almost certainly out — an ageing team unable to match the speed and wit of the partially revived Hungarians, who beat them 3-1 in the best match played in the north.

There was excitement, too, in the north-east group, where the tiny unknowns from North Korea had the affrontery to put out Italy thanks to a single goal from Pak Doo Ik at Ayresome Park.

In the Midlands, West Germany and Argentina proved too strong for Spain and Switzerland. While spectators in the provinces enjoyed a festival of football, those in London saw Ramsey's England team improve on an uncertain start at Wembley.

Frustrated by nine defenders in their opening match against Uruguay, an England team superbly organised by Moore, and lifted at the right time by Bobby Charlton, finished top of their group by beating Mexico and France each by 2-0.

By now, the selection committee was no more. Ramsey had made his sole choice of players one of the conditions of the job, and having picked his men, he defended them to extraordinary lengths.

Such was the case with Nobby Stiles, the Manchester United half-back, after one ill-timed tackle against France. Then in the quarter final, where Argentina had Antonio Rattin sent off for dissent and lost to a second half goal by Geoff Hurst, the England manager accused the opposition of action like animals.

The selection of Hurst in place of Jimmy Greaves was brought about first by injury, but then, after England had beaten Portugal with two Bobby Charlton goals in the semi-final, by Ramsey's own preference. He wanted sweat above genius, somebody said, but in the final against West Germany his decision was utterly vindicated.

Hurst, who was playing moderately at wing half for West Ham three years earlier, achieved everlasting fame by becoming the only man to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Curiously, it would have been his team mate Martin Peters who would have been better remembered, had England held on to the 2-1 lead he gave them in the second half. But in the last minute, West Germany's Weber equalised following a free kick, and extra time brought Hurst and England their finest hour.

Who knows whether or not his second goal, and England's third, should have counted? Certainly not the Russian linesman, Bakhranov, who was in a hopeless position to see whether the ball crossed the line as it came down from the underside of the bar.

Roger Hunt, who admitted he could not have reached the ball when it came out, was convinced it did come down over the line. But Nobby Stiles summed it up best. "It was a goal. On the day the referee gave a goal. So it was a goal."

Hurst completed his hat-trick with England's fourth just before the final whistle, with spectators actually running across the pitch thinking the match was already over.

So England won the 1966 World Cup. But none of us knew then how hard the years which followed would be.



Nobby Stiles

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PETER NICHOLAS

Welsh fire at Highbury

by Derek Henderson

Peter Nicholas is a hard man. In the mould of fearsome adversaries like Nobby Stiles, Peter Storey, and if you want to go further back, Jimmy Scouler. He believes in total commitment which is one of the reasons why Arsenal were willing to pay Crystal Palace £400,000 for his strenuous services.

Coming up to 22, he is looked upon as a probable future captain of Wales for whom his displays already have earmarked him as an international of several years standing.

But lest one gets the wrong impression of Nicholas, he combines his natural toughness in the challenge with a deft skill and a penchant for attacking which has quickly established him as a favourite with the Highbury crowd.

At one stage Palace declared that Nicholas was positively the one player who would never be allowed to leave the south London club.

But opinions and values change and after a while they were persuaded to part with the man who was taken to the capital from schoolboy football in Newport.

It was a transfer that young footballers dream of — joining one of the world's most famous clubs where the atmosphere is always charged with the big occasion.

But contrary to what some believed, he was not intended as a replacement for the high-talented Liam Brady who ended his first season with the Italian club Juventus getting rave notices from the highly-critical Italian Press.

They are players of different styles and temperaments anyway. At Arsenal, it is Nicholas who now fits in with the likes of Brian Talbot, another man with an enormous appetite for work, and the frail-looking but skilful Graham Rix.

For Wales, Nicholas has become a dominant midfield force and this will be an exciting season for he and his international colleagues as they go for the last effort which could well see them compete in the World Cup finals in Spain next summer.

Nicholas felt he had to leave Palace because of the greater potential at Highbury. Possibly, although he wouldn't admit it, he was disillusioned by the managerial upheavals at Selhurst Park which saw Terry Venables leave and Dario Gradi take over.



Those were turbulent times with Malcolm Allison and Ernie Wally in turn taking charge before Gradi's appointment.

At Highbury the demands are high both from manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe. But Nicholas is nothing if not dedicated and that is the ingredient any manager is happy to have in his ranks.

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Of the three major European club trophies it is the UEFA Cup, and its forerunner the Fairs Cup, which has provided English clubs with their record of success over the years. When Ipswich Town defeated AZ Alkmaar of Holland to win the UEFA Cup last season they became the eighth English holders of the trophy compared with six in the European Champions' Cup, and only four in the Cup Winners' Cup.

The first English winners were Leeds United in the 1967-68 season when they started a run of six English wins in six years; namely Newcastle United in 1968-69, Arsenal 1969-70, Leeds (again) 1970-71, Spurs 1971-72 and Liverpool 1972-73. Liverpool won again in 1975-76 and Ipswich last season.

With the four English entries for 1981-82 being Ipswich Town, West Bromwich Albion, Arsenal and Southampton, there seems every chance that an English club could add to that total.

The number of entries per country in the UEFA Cup is governed by each country's recent record in the European competitions and England shares the top seeded four entries with West Germany and, a little surprisingly, Belgium. East Germany, France, Holland and Spain each have three entries, and the remainder either one or two.

Ipswich begin their campaign with a First Round tie against Aberdeen: not the easiest of starts, but nevertheless they ought to be able to move into the Second Round. Arsenal and Southampton shouldn't have too much trouble in progressing further in the competition, whilst West Brom should be good enough to beat the fairly useful Grasshoppers Zurich side despite the presence of Swiss star Claudio Sulser.

In a pretty mixed bag of entries it is a little difficult to predict from whom the main challenge might come. A couple of the Belgium entries might prove difficult to beat — in particular Liverpool's old adversaries FC Bruges, as might the French and Dutch; but it is doubtful whether any of them are quite good enough to win the trophy.

Italy (whose recent exploits in European club competitions have not exactly set the world on fire, a problem which is highlighted by the fact that they only qualify for two entries) provide Napoli and Inter-Milan, neither of whom will be easy to beat.

There are a number of East European clubs who always provide tough opposition and are, generally speaking, something of an unknown quantity.

But probably the strongest group of entries come from Spain and West Germany. From Spain we have Real Madrid (for whom last season was a disaster of near misses; runners-up in the European Cup and Spanish League, and defeated semi-finalists in the Spanish Cup), along with Atletico Madrid and Valencia.

West Germany provide Hamburg SV, Kaiserslautern, VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Moenchengladbach, any of whom could be considered potential winners. Indeed, the West Germans will be hoping to repeat their 1979-80 exploits when they provided all four UEFA Cup semi-finalists, a performance that would not be beyond the capabilities of this season's quartet.

The complete First Round draw is as follows:

IPSWICH TOWN v ABERDEEN
GRASSHOPPERS ZURICH (Switzerland) v WEST BROM
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SLIEMA WANDERERS (Malta) v ARIS SALONICA (Greece)
MALMO FF (Sweden) v WISLA KRAKOW (Poland)
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KAISERLAUTERN (W. Germany) v AKADEMIK SOFIA (Bulgaria)
ARGES PITESTI (Romania) v APOEL NICOSIA (Cyprus)
INTER-MILAN (Italy) v ADANASPOR (Turkey)
HAJDUK SPLIT (Yugoslavia) v VFB STUTTGART (W. Germany)
BOHEMIANS PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia) v VALENCIA (Spain)
NANTES (France) v LOKEREN (Belgium)
WINTERSLAG (Belgium) v BRYNE (Norway)
ZENIT LENINGRAD (Russia) v DYNAMO DRESDEN (E. Germany)
MAGDEBURG (E. Germany) v BORUSSIA MOENCHEN-GLADBACH (W. Germany)
DINAMO BUCHAREST (Romania) v LEVSKI SPARTAK SOFIA (Bulgaria)
CSKA MOSCOW (Russia) v STURM GRAZ (Austria)





PROFILE

RAY KENNEDY

The football trail is littered with stories of players defying adverse opinions on their prowess and going on to make the big grade. A classic is that of Ray Kennedy who was once told "You'll never do it son, sorry - for one thing, you haven't enough pace".

The man who uttered that prophecy was none other than one of the greatest names of all time, Stanley Matthews. The occasion was when Ray was 19 and an apprentice professional with Port Vale where Stanley was manager.

The whole world now knows that Kennedy has won practically every honour in the game since, all of which tends to make the great man's judgment look suspect. But of course, as Kennedy himself concedes: at the time he may have given every impression that he would not be up to the required standard, and he himself would admit he's not the fastest thing on two legs in the game.

After all, Kevin Keegan once spent a week with Coventry City on trial and was turned down.

In fact, Kennedy may have been a run-of-the-mill performer rather than an outstanding player in his own right had it not been for a shrewd switch by Bob Paisley.

Kennedy was not setting things alight at Anfield as a striker — the role in which he did quite well for Arsenal previously. And Paisley suggested a change of role into midfield. Kennedy never looked back, and has been one of the major reasons why Liverpool have continued to dominate the English and European scenes.

It was like a car going into overdrive. Kennedy suddenly found his true expression in the middle of the park with his





surging into a thunderbolt shot. Now he has three European Cup winners' medals in his cabinet, along with all the other trophies he has picked up including 17 England caps.

But it could all have been so different if he had taken Sir Stan's comments too much to heart in those early days at Vale Park...

But out of nowhere came an offer to have a trial with Arsenal — and he took it with both feet. Soon he found himself in the youth team and then with the reserves alongside illustrious players whom he had only previously read about in the newspapers.

He will always remember his first big occasion — coming on as a sub when Arsenal were trailing 3-0 in the final of the FA Cup against Anderlecht in Belgium. Kennedy scored with a header almost as soon as he was on the field and with Arsenal getting the required advantage in the second leg, the cup was theirs. So Ray watched his first big moment.

He then had a winning Cup Final performance against Liverpool and it could have been then that the Merseyside club saw the quality in him that would stand them in good stead. What Ray Arnold was his destiny and his career blossomed in an unexpected way once the club had rightly decided midfield was his forte.

Kennedy earned himself a spot of criticism for rather rashly deciding he didn't want to stay for England any more, and probably regrets that public pronouncement now.

But this quiet, likeable man can look at his impressive array of honours which include no fewer than four League championship medals and say to himself: 'I didn't know it at the time, but that day at Vale Park was the turning-point for me when I really thought it was the end.'

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Lawrie McMenemy is now one of football's big names but his career at the top level was still very much in its infancy when Southampton pulled off one of the major surprises in post-war FA Cup final history by beating Manchester United 1-0 in 1976.

McMenemy, on his own admission, might not even have been manager of the Saints when they enjoyed their moment of glory that hot May day.

After taking over from Ted Bates, McMenemy saw his team slip from a place in the top six of the First Division to an ignominious relegation.

Other clubs might have sacked him but Southampton's directors have a reputation for tolerance and discretion — qualities noticeably lacking in some other clubs — and McMenemy was given the chance to rebuild.

His first priority was to get together a team packed with experience to get the club back in the First Division but as promotion gradually slipped away from them, the reality of a Cup Final appearance took over.

Without having to face any of the top sides, Saints found themselves in the quarter finals against Fourth Division Bradford City. A moment of genius by Peter Osgood saw them over that tricky hurdle at Valley Parade and suddenly they were one step from Wembley — with a match against Second Division Crystal Palace in the semi final.

Southampton had no trouble in defeating Palace — Malcolm Allison's fedora and all — in the semis and Wembley beckoned.

Manchester United were a young, talented and exciting side put together by Tommy Docherty. They were taking the First Division by storm with a breathtaking succession of fast, entertaining performances. Not unnaturally, they were hot favourites to dispense with McMenemy's men.

Bookies were even offering odds of 10-1 on a Southampton win, unprecedented generosity for a head-to-head clash.

When the match got under way few experts were prepared to give Saints a chance but United's normally furious rhythm was disturbed and they never got going.

In contrast the greater experience of the Southampton team proved vitally important and the longer the match went on the more it looked as if a surprise was on the cards.



Lawrie McMenemy

United were beginning to look a little ragged and disappointed as the match crept towards extra time. Then little Bobby Stokes stepped out of the shadows of some of the big names on display to grab his one moment of glory.

Jim McCalliog's pass put him away and with commendable coolness his shot beat Alex Stepney's dive and found its way into the back of the net. Saints had won the cup.

Ironically Stokes disappeared from the limelight as quickly as he had appeared in it. Within a year, a cheap move to neighbouring Portsmouth had failed and he spent three seasons in America before returning home.

By the end of last season, the hero of 1976 was playing for Southern League Waterlooville's reserve team in the Hampshire League. He is still only 30.

SOUTHAMPTON: Turner, Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Blyth, Steel, Gilchrist, Channon, Osgood, McCalliog, Stokes, sub: Fisher.

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A Close Call For WALSALL

by Derek Henderson

Walsall and their supporters spent the summer contemplating the fact that they might well have been mourning a yo-yo situation which could have seen them right back in the Fourth Division again.

They were relegated in 1979 but won their way back immediately into the Third Division under player-manager Alan Buckley.

But they found it hard going and when the final reckoning came in May, Fellows Park breathed again — for the Saddlers were among four teams on 41 points — only a point clear of Sheffield United who went down to the Fourth for the first time in their history.

And Walsall had an inferior goal difference to the other three teams on 41 points so that coupled with United's failure to get anything from their last match which doomed them, Walsall can say they were a trifle fortunate to hold on to their hard-won place.

Failure to do better than win eight home games was the major contributory factor to Walsall's disappointing season, because on their travels, they collected five victories which was only marginally less effective than Rotherham and Barnsley, two of the teams who went up!

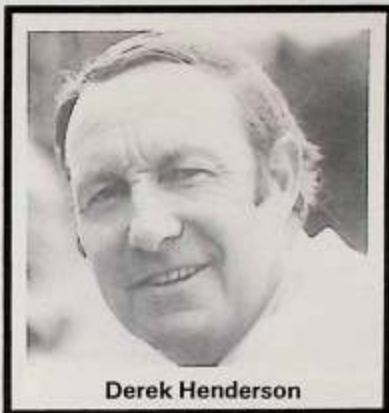
Now Neil Martin, the former Sunderland, Coventry and Scotland striker is joint-manager, he will be seeking goals to ensure a better term.

Walsall's continual battle, of course, is not so much the one of survival in their own right, but also against their illustrious neighbours. For only a short distance away are Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion, while Wolverhampton is only a few minutes by car.

As Villa were the League champions and Albion did well in their First Division list also, the effect on Walsall's potential following was considerable.

But somehow down the years, the Walsalls of the League have managed to co-exist with their big brothers and so it will probably always be.

Walsall are a club associated with the lower divisions but they had a brief taste of a more sophisticated fixture list in



Derek Henderson

the early 1960s when they won a place in the Second Division under that strict disciplinarian Bill Moore.

Moore had been the no-nonsense trainer of Villa when they won the FA Cup in 1957 — the game forever remembered for Peter McParland's crushing charge on Manchester United goalkeeper Ray Wood.

And he brought the same aura of discipline to Walsall as manager. It paid off, for they suddenly found themselves facing sides like Newcastle United. Indeed, when the Magpies appeared at Fellows Park in August, 1961, 25,500 fans packed into the ground for a club record attendance. Alas, the glory lasted only 12 months and Walsall went back from whence they had come.

But they have always been renowned Cup fighters, and of course will always be associated with the first of the real giant-killing acts that made sensational headlines in the 1930s when they beat Arsenal — then well nigh invincible — by 2-0. One of the goalscorers that day, Gilbert Alsop, won himself a place in football's hall of fame as a result of that upset.

The other name always associated with Walsall was that superb England goalkeeper Bert Williams who was playing for them just after the war when Wolves saw his potential and quickly snatched him. He became an integral part of the great Wolves team of the fifties which carried all before it.

Walsall tackle another season with renewed hope, and certainly won't want to walk the relegation tightrope which they only just managed to negotiate safely last term.

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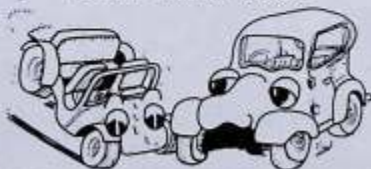
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COVENTRY CITY

Hill demands Sky Blue success



To maintain a position in the First Division for a 14-year span — especially with the advent of three-up and three-down — is something of an achievement in itself. But you won't find Coventry City supporters basking in reflected glory — they are getting impatient for success.

Back in 1967, the mere existence of a First Division fixture list was enough to make the fans in the city of Coventry go ga-ga. They'd never seen it before unless they were enterprising enough to travel to neighbouring Aston Villa or Leicester City.

Now, after years of the big-time clubs coming to the splendid Highfield Road ground, the gloss has worn off.

Indeed, when suddenly towards the back end of last season, the Sky Blues found they needed points to stave off a late frightener caused by their worrying League position, the fans were saying 'We've seen it before.'

They had memories of a scare in recent years when they escaped along with Bristol City. Now Bristol are in the Third and the message is clear enough: it mustn't happen to us!

What now for Coventry, then? Well, chairman Jimmy Hill and his board have already made one bold move. After standing by manager Gordon Milne through thick and thin, they decided a change was necessary to stimulate Coventry's ambitions to start competing for the big trophies, instead of merely co-existing year by year.

The appointment of Dave Sexton was not really a surprise to those who appreciate the Coventry set-up.

Knowing Hill as well as any journalist, and better than most, I was sure he wouldn't appoint an extrovert, anyone remotely flamboyant like himself. It wouldn't have been a mix, Sexton is the quiet type — dedicated, sincere, scrupulously honest and a brilliant coach.

Coventry have gone for a man who is accepted as one of the most superb coaches in the business and who, whatever his record at Manchester United, inspires in his own unobtrusive way.

There is the basis for success at Highfield Road — the League Cup run to the semi-finals last season proved it. Coventry were within an ace of getting to Wembley for the first time and were just edged out by West Ham's experience compared with their own youthful exuberance.

Young players like the coloured Garry Thompson — surely an England centre-forward in the making — Tom English, Mark Hateley, Peter Bodak, Danny Thomas and Andy Blair represent the nucleus of an exciting side which can really take on the best and win things.

All Coventry need is consistency — something that has always eluded them. Their form at times last season was inexplicable, and must have been a source of despair to the thorough Milne.

They walked all over West Brom, one of the best of First Division sides 3-0, and the way they overcame a 2-0 home deficit against West Ham in the first leg of the semi-final to win 3-2 was breathtaking.

Yet they lost at home to Everton — a mediocre side on last season's showing — by 5-0 and also to Norwich who were relegated. It just didn't add up.



Goalkeeper Steve Hunt

Now with Sexton there to harness the guile of Garry Daley and Steve Hunt, expectations are high again.

Coventry's off-field activities have always been pioneering and of the highest calibre.

Their new all-seated arrangement is calculated to combat hooliganism, and though it has cut down drastically the capacity of this excellent ground (which I remember as a drab, grim place back in the early 1960s) it is a bold step which may well be followed by other enterprising clubs who are not afraid to copy.

But it's on the field where the fans want the transformation — and Sexton is only too aware of it as he starts a new turn in his career.



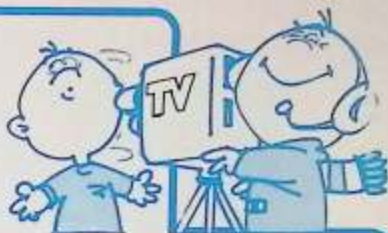
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Another finds me arriving at the ground to discover only a handful of people on the terraces, and my lot playing a team of amateurs, and losing.

But the worst nightmare of all, and I bet we've all thought of this won, is to be within five minutes of the League Championship, or an F.A. Cup Final, and for an announcement to come blaring out of the tannoy system, with YOUR name! "Please return home immediately!"

What do you do? It's a police message asking you to move your car, there's no problem. Let 'em have it. You can get a bus to Wembley. And if it's your kid brother who's got lost, let him cry a bit longer. But what if it's granny who's dying and may want to give you her last wishes? Or your house is burning down? Will the last five minutes make any difference?

I'd hate to be called out of the ground by such an announcement, but I'd love to know just how urgent are some of these "Return home immediately!" calls. You'd have to be a pretty snide character to spring a hoax like that on one of your pals.

Announcements or not, I never leave a match until the final whistle, no matter how big the crowd or hopeless the score may seem. I used to do this, but on each occasion, without fail, I missed at least one goal in the dying seconds. One of them was even voted goal of the season. Of course I didn't dare admit to my mates that I hadn't actually witnessed it first hand.

In fact, so confident did I become that a goal would be scored if I left early, that once I slipped away on purpose. My lot were 2-1 down, with three minutes to go. Selflessly I chose to miss the climax, knowing that my sacrifice would enable my heroes to draw level.

And so it was, no sooner had I turned out of the gate on to the empty streets, a loud cheer went up around the stadium.

Little did the other side know who to credit for their surprise 3-1 win.

CUT'S CORNER



No point in asking who won I suppose.

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Founded in 1892 as New Brighton Tower and were elected to the Football League eight years later. The seaside club from Cheshire always lived in the shadows of their far greater neighbours Liverpool and Everton and on many occasions transfer deals were made in a league club -

The white and maroon of New Brighton had two spells as a league club - the first lasted only three seasons when the men from the Tower Ground resigned in 1901.

They were later to rejoin the league in 1923 when they were elected along with Doncaster Rovers when the Third (North) was increased to 22 clubs. New Brighton's second spell lasted until the end of the 1950-51 season when they sadly lost their league status to Workington Town finishing bottom of the league.

Brief club records include:

Most Points - 53 out of 84 in 1924-25; Least Points - 24 out of 84 in 1921-22

and again in 1935-36.

Best scoring season - 1898-99, 71 goals in 34 matches.

Best defensive season - 1900-01, conceding 38 goals in 34 matches. Highest

League Score - 7-0 v Darwen, 1898-99; 7-1 v Darlington, 1922-23; 7-2 v

Nelson, 1925-27.

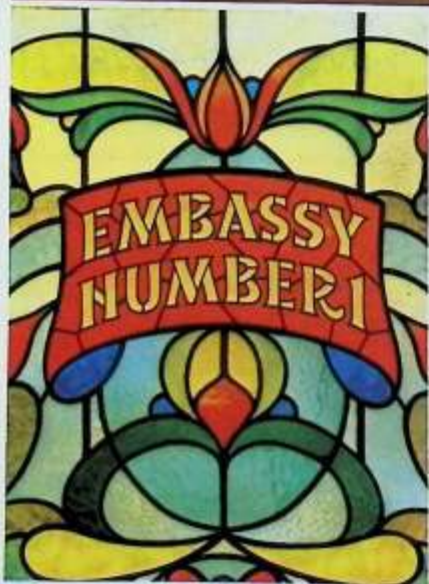
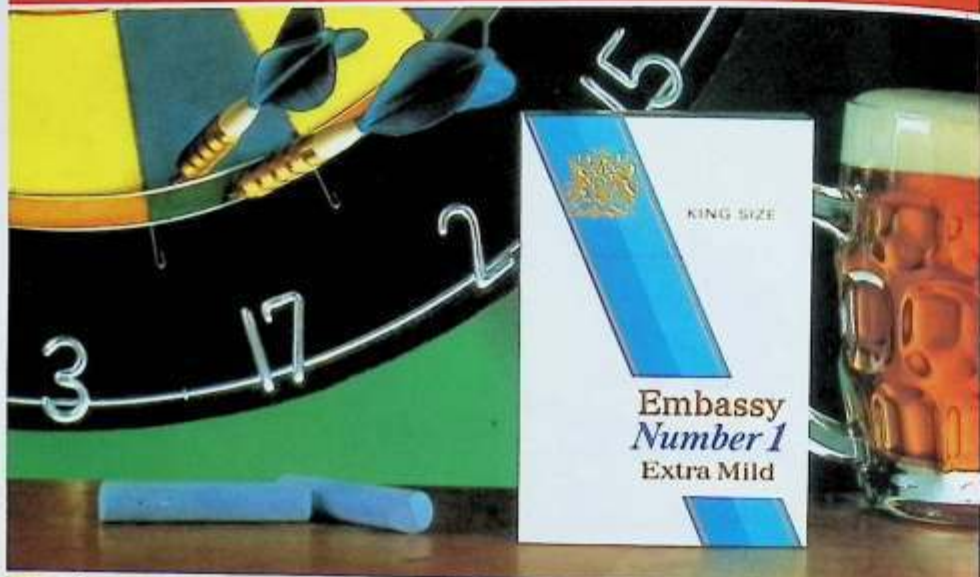
Most goals in a season - 34 by J. Wilcox, 1924-25.

Notable transfers include - S. Arledge from Everton, 1895; J. Robinson from Derby County 1896; W. Lacey from Liverpool, 1923 and J. McDonald from Everton, 1927.

International players: S. Arledge (Wales) 1896-99; J. Robinson (England) 1897-98; W. Lacey (Ireland) 1924-25 and T. Lewis who represented Wales in 1929 on the tour of Canada.

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Derek signed for A.F.C. in August having completed three seasons for Mansfield Town, previous to which he was with Leicester City, where he made three first team appearances.

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Phil Brown about to score the one that didn't count
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cherries' record

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four talk

by TONY PULLEIN

Darlington were resigned to the fact that they would probably be losing their manager Billy Elliott last week. Struggling Second Division Cardiff City made Mr. Elliott a lucrative offer and he had promised to give them his decision within a few days.

Mr. Elliott, who took over at Darlington in June, 1979, brought his team to Dean Court a couple of weeks ago and we were the only side to beat them in their opening four League outings. Mr. Elliott had brought about great improvements at Feethams to the point where the one regular re-election strugglers had cast their sights upon promotion this season. If Mr. Elliott has left, the club will be setting about the task of appointing their 18th post-war manager.

Darlington drew 2-2 at home to the financed Blackpool side who got off to a good start when Dave Bamber gave them the lead after only two minutes. But Darlington struck back with goals from David Speedie and Ian Hamilton before Colin Morris hit Blackpool's equaliser.

Former Bournemouth striker Howard Goddard is now with Blackpool — on loan from Newport County — and he hit two of their goals when they crushed Crewe 5-0. Goddard broke a leg a couple of seasons back and had been unable to win back a regular place in the Newport side.

Sheffield United who, like Blackpool, are experiencing their first-ever spell in Fourth Division football this season received a setback when beaten 1-2 at Hull. It is already clear what a big attraction Sheffield United are proving in Division Four. For their first away game at Wigan, the crowd was 8,000 whereas Wigan's next home match against Northampton attracted only 3,996.

Allowing for the fact that the Hull game was a Yorkshire derby, the Boothferry Park attendance of 7,219 was very nearly double that for their previous home game.

York forward Keith Walwyn has played in only seven Football League games — yet he has scored six goals! Keith scored twice on his League debut for Chesterfield against Oxford in September, 1980 but he made only two more appearances, for them, without scoring.

He was transferred to York during the close-season and proceeded to score once in each of his opening four League matches for his new club.

Jim Lumby ended Mansfield Town's barren spell with their first goals of the season in their 2-0 League Cup victory over Scunthorpe. He then scored the only goal in the Stags' 1-1 home draw with Bury. Former Wigan midfielder Tommy Gore scored Bury's goal in that game.

Sheffield United topped the Fourth Division chart (compiled before last Saturday's games) with an average home League gate of 11,596. Next came Wigan (5,999), Hull (5,208) and Blackpool (4,531). Bottom of the chart came Tranmere with an average of only 1,632.



reserves

Mid-Week League Fixtures

1981					Result
Sept	8	W	BRANDFORD	.....	A
	30	W	WIMSELEDON	.....	F-A
Oct	6	Tu	MILLWALL	.....	H
	12	M	Exeter City (League Cup)	.....	A
	27	Tu	CAMBRIDGE UTD	.....	H
Nov	4	W	Gillingham	.....	A
	10	Tu	GILLINGHAM	.....	H
	17	Tu	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	A
	24	Tu	Exeter City	.....	A
Dec	1	Tu	EXETER CITY	.....	H
	7	M	Peterborough United	.....	A
	16	W	Portsmouth	.....	A
	22	Tu	Wimbeldon	.....	A
1982					
Jan	5	Tu	Cambridge United	.....	A
	12	Tu	BRENTFORD	.....	H
	19	Tu	PORTSMOUTH	.....	H
	26	Tu	Charlton Athletic	.....	A
Feb	2	Tu	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	.....	H
	16	Tu	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	.....	H
	23	Tu	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	.....	H
Mar	2	Tu	Northampton Town	.....	A
	9	Tu	Southend United	.....	A
Apr	6	Tu	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	.....	H
	14	W	SOUTHEND UNITED	.....	H
	20	Tu	Aldershot	.....	A
	27	Tu	Millwall	.....	A
May	4	Tu	ALDERSHOT	.....	H

A TEAM FIXTURES

					Result
					FA
Sept	5	S	CHRISTCHURCH RESERVES	.....	H K.O. 3.00 4-2
	8	Tu	BRANSGORE	.....	H K.O. 6.15 5-4
	12	S	B.A.C.	.....	A K.O. 3.00 2-0
	16	W	Bransgore	.....	A K.O. 6.15 4-0
	19	S	WELLWORTH ATHLETIC	.....	H K.O. 3.00 3-1
	26	S	Verwood	.....	A K.O. 3.00

youth report

Last weekend saw our Youth Team extend their unbeaten record to five games with a fine 3-1 win over Wellworthy Athletic, our goals coming from John Rodney, Billy Ole and Richard Donovan.

With maximum points we could not have wished for a better start to the campaign in Division 1 of the Bournemouth F.A. League.

By time of publication we shall know the outcome of our match against Swindon Town in the F.A. Youth Cup and we hope the form produced against Melksham Town in the previous round is repeated.

We have just learnt we travel to Villa Park, home of the current First Division champions, on Wednesday, 14th October, 1981, to play Aston Villa Youth in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, First Round Proper. A most attractive but also challenging draw this, as Villa youth have the enviable record of winning the competition no less than six times over the last eight years, including 1979, 1980 and last season.

Harry Ivie
Youth Development Officer

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A significant change in the Lotteries field has been a joint lottery venture run by Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City. Three First Division teams operating lotteries in the same area have, after I am sure hours of discussion, come up with a formula for running a single lottery with all teams gaining mutual benefit.

Often spoken about in the past, joint lotteries could be a thing of the future as the new increased limits in prize money on lotteries have had little affect in increasing sale. Future lotteries might even include a single lottery for the whole of the Football League if a large enough first prize was permitted.

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- 3 Chris Sulley
- 4 Brian Smith
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- 6 John Impey
- 7 Eddie Kelly
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- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Jeff Wright
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
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